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June 15, 2023

The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart
U.S. House of Representatives
374 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Diaz-Balart:

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The Honorable Byron Donalds
U.S. House of Representatives
1719 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Donalds:

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The Honorable Jared Moskowitz
U.S. House of Representatives
1130 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Moskowitz:

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The Honorable Rick L. Scott
United States Senate
502 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Scott:

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The Honorable Darren Soto
U.S. House of Representatives
2353 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Soto:

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The Honorable Greg Steube
U.S. House of Representatives
2457 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Steube:

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The Honorable Michael Waltz
U.S. House of Representatives
244 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Waltz:

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